

Pueblo West Seeks Project Partners/Contributors

Gebra Pre and Primary School in Monduli Arusha, Tanzania

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Rotary International Area of Focus: Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies, Saving Children.

What: We delivered \$1500 US from Pueblo West Rotary Club to Gebra Memorial Pre and Primary School in Monduli Arusha, Tanzania. The funds will be used to purchase curriculum materials. The school currently has 60 students and cannot afford to purchase adequate textbooks. During a visit on June 12, 2018, we will also bring school supplies such as paper, pencils, crayons, primary reading books.

Where: Monduli Arusha, Tanzania, Africa

When: Money was sent by wire to the school in early April 2018. We will bring school supplies to the school June 12. During this visit, we will also meet with members from the Arusha Rotary Club and take photos to document how the money has been spent. School students, teachers and administrators will be on site at the school to greet us.

How: As an instructor through Colorado School of Mines Teacher Enhancement Program, Melanie is conducting a graduate level travel class, focusing on Global Issues, Geology, Ecology, Local Culture, and Wildlife Conservation in Kenya and Tanzania from May 26 to June 16, 2018. With a group of 19 American teachers, we will visit the Gebra Memorial Pre and Primary School in Tanzania on June 12. We are collaborating with the teachers to bring the children both school supplies and also money to improve the school and provide salaries for teachers. We will hand deliver to the School Superintendent any supplies that Pueblo West Rotary collects and donates. One hundred percent of the proceeds will get directly to the school.

Background Information: My brother, Marden Phelps met Gerald Gebra, the founder of the school while on safari in 2003. I am including his story of how the school got started and has progressed since then. Members of my family visited the school in 2016, and found that they had an enrollment of about 45 students but were struggling to buy supplies and pay the teacher salaries. Many children who were not students of the school came to this community meeting place while we were there. Most families can afford to send only one child to school, if they can afford that. By supporting this international project, Pueblo West Rotary will benefit many children who are struggling to get an education and a better standard of living.